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Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

Applicant's claims 35-43 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as anticipated by Kimrov US 5,770,458. Basically Kimrov shows a cup assay device in which the assay strips are contained within the cup and as a matter of fact within the housing within the cup.

It is submitted that a comparison of the drawings in Kimrov with those in applicant's application shows basic differences which make it clear that there is no identity or equivalence in the cited reference of each of the limitations in the claimed device as required to constitute anticipation under 35 USC 102.

In particular applicant has amended the claims so that they reflect the fact that the assay strips extend beyond the housing formed by the base and its cover. This type of construction of the device is necessary if the device is to be used as a dipstick assay device. Kimrov on the other hand has the assay strips protected by the wall of the cup and the cover over strips sealing the assay strips to the wall of the housing. The assay strips in Kimrov are not free standing as in the case of applicant's device.

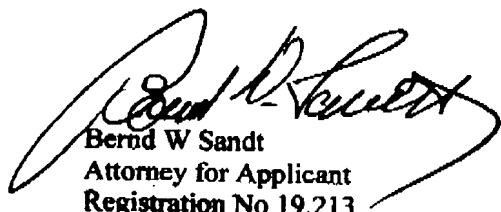
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It would be impossible to use the device of Kimrov as a dipstick because the assay strips cannot be directly exposed to a sample. As the Examiner admitted in an earlier response each slot of Kimrov containing the assay strips is sealed with a cover panel to prevent leakage. Thus the entire assay strip is enclosed within the housing for the assay strip

The second distinguishing feature is the cap employed in applicant's device as claimed. Since the assay strips in Kimrov are enclosed within the cup the Kimrov device cannot use a removable cap above the housing and enclosing the assay strips. The only removable cap shown by Kimrov is one that seals the cup and does not enclose the assay strips. Furthermore applicant's device has an opening in the cap that allows the sample to directly contact the assay strips. No such cap is provided in the Kimrov device since in order for the sample to contact the assay strips it is necessary to invert the device after the addition of the sample. Thus an opening in the cap would cause the sample to be spilled.

The wording of the claims submitted by applicant are believed to clearly define these differences. Applicant's claims are therefore deemed to be patentable over Kimrov and an allowance is respectfully solicited.



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